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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Eisenstadt

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS

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1. On 9 July 1951, activities indicating the transfer of troops were observed at the Kattner Settlement in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). Billeting equipment was standing about in the open. Some garages previously observed had been dismantled. A tent for about 30 soldiers was newly pitched. Some air force officers and about 30 airmen were idling about. Passenger car B [REDACTED] six trucks, including [REDACTED] and a trailer-mounted generator were still there.

2. The sentry guarding the former provincial government building and the soldiers entering and leaving the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets.

3. The Jaeger Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. A company of soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rifles and practice targets marched from the training area to the installation. Two colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the barracks gate. About 20 apartment houses on Rheinlandstrasse, which previously housed families of officials belonging to the former provincial government, had been included into the billeting area. Truck [REDACTED], driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, entered the installation. *

4. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] and examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] was found in front of the Jaeger Kaserne. **

5. A convey of trucks, under the command of a captain, practiced convey driving between Eisenstadt and Trauersdorf (P 48/X 55). Each truck carried about 10 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only one soldier with black-bordered blue epaulets was observed. Seven of the trucks were [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep [REDACTED] were observed in front of the komendatura in Eisenstadt. ***

* Comment. The transfer of the air force unit from the billets in Eisenstadt was reported on 3 July. See [REDACTED]. The houses of the Kattner Settlement were apparently occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets on 9 July. Since truck [REDACTED] has been repeatedly identified in Bad Fischau, it is believed that the elements of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div there may have been transferred to Eisenstadt. ** [REDACTED] was once reported from Dresden in May 1948.

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***  Comment. The trucks observed between Eisenstadt and Trauersdorf belong to a driving school of the Central Group of Forces in Poedling.

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